

DRAGGER'S CREW FORCED TO FLEE BURNING CRAFT

Forced to launch two dories stuck together in a "nest", seven members of the crew of the Boston dragger Blanche Ring narrowly escaped death when their craft caught fire and blew up off Boston lightship.

Harry Jordan, one of the crew, suffered three broken ribs and was taken to the Chelsea Marine hospital, Chelsea, on arrival at the fish pier in Boston, of the steam trawler Boston College, with the victims, yesterday.

The crew of the Ring consisted of Capt. David Goff of Dorchester, Jordan Walter Walpole of Grant street, Somerville; Henry Parsons of Rockland, Me., Arthur Murphy, Ralph Rocheteau and Cook Bryan Nickerson of Nova Scotia.

Fire Starts.

According to Capt. Grant the dragger was ploughing out to sea in the rain last night when about a mile north of the lightship a fire started in the dynamo room. The flames spread with such rapidity that Capt. Goff ordered the men to take the dories. There were only two dories aboard, nested, and the crew were unable to

split them apart.

The fire raged through the craft so swiftly that at length the nested dories were launched as they were and Capt. Goff and the men boarded the upper one. To add to their troubles there was only one oar in the dory, with a choppy sea, heavy rain and haze. Walpole seized the oar and putting it over the port side of the dory struggled frenziedly to get away from the blazing Ring. They had proceeded about 50 yards when with a roar two gasoline tanks exploded, showering burning fragments into the air, and turning the dragger into a roaring mass of flame.

Luckily Salvage Cars.

Then the bottom dory gave way and sank, and the seven men, crouching in the other boat, saw two oars floating on the surface. After some maneuvering on the part of Walpole, who was now sculling, they salvaged the oars and rowed to the lightship.

Sometime later the Boston College, inbound, in command of Capt. Tony Magnusson, appeared and on being hailed took aboard the victims.

WEEK CLOSED WITH FEW FISH

ONE OFF-SHORE DRAGGER AND TRAWLER ARE ONLY ARRIVALS TODAY.

The week closed quietly today, there having been only two vessels arriving with fresh fish. The off-shore dragger Leonora C., brought 22,000 pounds of fresh haddock for the General Seafoods and the shore trawler A. Piatt Andrew took out a small fare of fresh fish at the Cape Ann Cold Storage Company. Only a few of the gill netters found their gear yesterday, and the landings were light.

Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:
Sch. Leonora C., dragging, 22,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. A. Piatt Andrew, shore, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Pilgrim, via Boston.
Sch. J. M. Marshall, via Boston.
Boat Naomi Bruce III., 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sailed.

Sch. Evelina M. Goulart, dragging.
Sch. Laura Goulart, haddocking.
Sch. Grand Marshal, haddocking.
Sch. Natalie S., shore.
Sch. J. M. Marshall, shore.
Sch. A. Piatt Andrew, shore.
Sch. Edith C. Rose, haddocking.
Sch. Grace and Evelyn, dragging.
Sch. Henrietta, shore.
Sch. Ruth Lucille, dragging.
Sch. Raymonde, dragging.
Sch. Elizabeth and Ruth, dragging.
Boat Leretha, dragging.
Boat Lincoln, dragging.

On the Railways.

Sch. Hesperus is on Burnham's railways.

SMALL FLEET AT BOSTON TODAY

FIVE VESSELS HAVE ONLY 141,000 POUNDS FRESH FISH—MARKET KET STRONG.

The fleet at the Boston fish pier this morning numbered only five and the receipts amounted to but 106,000 pounds of groundfish and 35,000 pounds of mixed fish. The market was much stronger. Haddock sold for \$6.75; large cod, \$10; markets, \$5 to \$6.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:
Sch. Olivia Brown, 33,000 haddock, 1500 mixed fish.
Sch. Mildred Silva, 20,000 haddock, 2000 mixed fish.
Boat Santana D., 1800 haddock, 700 cod, 2200 mixed fish.
Boat Sebastiano and Figli, 400 cod, 3500 mixed fish.
Str. Swell, 50,000 haddock, 26,000 mixed fish.

Haddock, \$6.75 per cwt.; scrod, \$4; large cod, \$10; market cod, \$5 to \$6; hake, \$4; pollock, \$4 to \$4.50; cusk, \$4; gray sole, 8 to 10 cents per pound; lemon sole, 8 cents; black backs, 7 cents; yellow tails, 5 cents, dabs, 5 cents; catfish, 4 cents.

Quiet at New York.

There were no arrivals at Fulton Market, New York, this morning. Groundfish was very scarce. The fare of the Clinton yesterday sold for seven cents for haddock, five cents for cod, 10 cents for flounders and three cents for dabs.

LOCAL GIRL CHRISTENED NEW TRAWLER

The motor trawler Dartmouth was launched from the Fore River plant of the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corporation, Ltd., Quincy, on Thursday afternoon. Miss Agnes Evelyn Carlson daughter of Capt. Ivar Carlson of this city, acted as sponsor.

Miss Carlson composed and read the following as she broke the bottle over the bow of the vessel:

"May the strength of honest workmanship displayed in the beauty of this boat carry her safely on her course. Thus, I christen thee, 'Dartmouth.'"

Miss Carlson was presented with a bouquet of American beauty roses and a gift in remembrance of the occasion.

N. F. Cod News.

With an estimated few thousand quintals of codfish to come in from dealers the season may be said to be practically over and all fish warehoused. Merchants are gathering up the ends of their year's business and endeavoring to estimate the approximate catch from all sources. Without reliable statistical information correct figures seem impossible and at the best it is only a guess. The same would apply to stocks warehoused throughout the country and a rough estimate can only be made. As far as the markets are concerned there is little change to report save that Greece, Spain and Portugal have shown some weakness for our cure, but the Italian market still continues active. Brazil has shown a weaker tendency and the reported shipment of 10,000 half drums Norwegian fish via Liverpool to Brazil may have some influence on a still weaker tendency. It would seem as if the world supply of salt fish is more than people can eat and as long as this over-production continues any improvement in price is not likely to happen. We have been hearing that the world has too much coffee, too much sugar, too much wheat, and it looks for the present that it has too much dried fish, except for the special shore cure for which this country is famous. It should be therefore important to improve our cures for special markets so that any possible over supply of the cheaper European fish cannot hurt our output in any years.—Maritime Merchant.